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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: ROBERT JOFFREY

DEPT FOR CU/ARTS: LENINGRAD FOR P&C

REF: STATE 237094; TAYLOR CARSTONES TELCON OCT 23

1. GOSKONSERT HOPES JOFFREY WILL QUOTE EXHIBIT GOOD WILL
ENDQUOTE AND PERFORM A LIMITED PROGRAM IN VILNIUS FOR
WHICH FOR PERFORMANCES ARE SCHEDULED AFTER RIGA. NO
REPEAT NO MAXIMUM WAS PLACED ON WEIGHT OR VOLUME OF
PROPERTIES TO BE SHIPPED RIGA TO VILNIUS, BUT GOSKONSERT
STRESSED CONCERN THAT MOSCOW OPENING BE QUOTE SMOOTHLY
ACCOMPLISHED ENDQUOTE. GOSK SUGGESTS THAT THOSE PROPERTIES
NOT NEEDED IN VILNIUS BE SENT IN ADVANCE DIRECTLY FROM RIGA
TO MOSCOW IN ORDER AVOID TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

3. SUGGEST MEMBER OF JOFFREY GROUP INSPECT VILNIUS THEATER
UPON ARRIVAL IN USSR. DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS GIVEN
EMBOFF MEET AND IN SOME CASES GREATLY EXCEED ALL JOFFREY
REQUIREMENTS (REFTEL) EXCEPT THAT WINGS ARE THREE METERS
ON EACH SIDE. GOSK SUGGESTS THAT SINCE STAGE IS WIDER
THAN JOFFREY REQUIRES, SOME USE COULD BE MADE THIS EXTRA
SPACE. DIMENSIONS: WIDTH, SIXTEEN METERS; HEIGHT, NINE
METERS; DEPTH, THIRTY-TWO METERS; GRID HEIGHT, TWENTY
METERS; WINGS, THREE METERS ON EACH SIDE; FIFTY PIPES FOR
HANGING.

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3. IS MATINEE STARTING TIME OF 12:00, 1:00 OR 2:00

PREFERABLE? DOES JOFFREY AGREE EVENINGS ON MATINEE DAYS
AT 8:00?

4. WHEN AND WHERE DOES CONDUCTOR ARRIVE?

5. WILL GROUP ARRIVE LENINGRAD OR MOSCOW?

6. NED BY FRIDAY MORNING OCT 25 MOSCOW TIME NAMES OF
DANCERS ON TOUR AS WELL AS COMPLETE LISTING OF BALLETS
TO BE PERFORMED.

7. ITINERARY FOLLOWS: ARRIVE NOVEMBER 17; SET-UP AND
REHERSALS NOV 18 AND 19; LENINGRAD PREMIERE 20TH; 21ST
AND 22ND, ONE EVENING PERFORMANCE EACH; 23RD, MATINEE AND
EVENING; 24TH, MATINEE AND EVENING; 25TH, FREE DAY; 26TH,
TRANSFER TO RIGA; 27TH, PREMIERE IN RIGA; 28TH, ONE EVENING
PERFORMANCE; 29TH, ONE EVENING PERFORMANCE; 30TH, MATINEE
AND EVENING PERFORMANCE; DECEMBER 1, MATINEE AND EVENING
PERFORMANCE; DEC 2, FREE DAY; DEC 3, TRNANSFER TO VILNIUS;
4TH, PREMIERE IN VILNIUS; 5TH, MATINEE AND EVENING PERFORMANCE;
6TH, EVENING PERFORMANCE; 7TH, TRAVEL TO MOSCOW; 8TH, FREE
DAY; 9TH, PREMIERE IN MOSCOW; 10TH, EVENING PEXRFORMANCE;
11TH, EVENING PERFORMANCE; 12TH, MATINEE AND EVENING
PERFORMANCE; 13TH, EVENING PERFORMANCE; 14TH, MATINEE AND
EVENING PERFORMANCE. DEPARTURE DECEMBER FIFTEENTH. TOTAL:
26 PERFORMANCES: SEVEN LENINGRAD, SEVEN RIGA, FOUR VILNIUS,
AND EIGHT MOSCOW.

8. VILNIUS STAGE CAN BE EITHER RAKED OR NOT RAKED. GOSK
STRESSES MODERNITY OF NEW THEATER.
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